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IS-ARGENTINA; ARGENTINE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; FPM-ARGENTINA.

ON NOVEMBER 14, 1976, [A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD WHO IS
AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEDERAL POLICE OF ARGENTINA (FPA), INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION,] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ~~(S)~~ (U)

DURING THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 13, 1976, TERRORISTS
MACHINE GUNNED AND SET OFF INCENDIARY BOMBS AT THE RESIDENCE
OF JAIME VALDEZ, PRESS ATTACHE OF THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS
AIRES. MODERATE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE VALDEZ RESIDENCE
WHICH IS LOCATED IN SAN ISIDRO, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE.

VALDEZ' AUTOMOBILE, WHICH WAS PARKED OUTSIDE THE RESIDENCE,
WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED. VALDEZ WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN THE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE, INASMUCH AS HE WAS ACCOMPANYING ARGENTINE PRESIDENT
RAFAEL JORGE VIDELA ON A STATE VISIT TO CHILE.

AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 1976, NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAD
CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE BOMBING.

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SOURCE IS COMISARIO MAYOR CARLOS VICENTE MARCOTTE, DEPUTY
~~DIRECTOR OF) FEDERAL SECURITY, EPA.~~ ^{THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION} (S) (U)

COORDINATED LOCALLY.

WHILE THERE IS NO APPARENT CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE-
DESCRIBED BOMBING ATTACK AND THE ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO
LETELLIER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ^{TRANSMIT} ~~PROVIDE~~ A COPY OF
THIS CABLE TO WFO AND OTHER OFFICES HANDLING LEADS IN THE
CHILBOM CASE IN CONNECTION WITH CHILEAN EXILE
COMMUNITIES IN THEIR TERRITORIES.

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ROBERT W. SCHERRER, LEGAL ATTACHE

"OPERATION CONDOR"

On 9/28/76, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

"Operation Condor" is the code name for the collection, exchange and storage of intelligence data concerning so-called "Leftists", Communists and Marxists, which was recently established between cooperating intelligence services in South America in order to eliminate Marxist terrorist activities in the area. In addition, "Operation Condor" provides for joint operations against terrorist targets in member countries of "Operation Condor." Chile is the center for "Operation Condor" and in addition to Chile, its members include Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Brazil also has tentatively agreed to supply intelligence input for "Operation Condor." Members of "Operation Condor" showing the most enthusiasm to date have been Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. The latter three countries have engaged in joint operations, primarily in Argentina, against the terrorist target. During the week of September 20, 1976, the [director of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service traveled to Santiago, Chile, to consult with his Chilean counterparts] with respect to "Operation Condor." (U)

A third and most secret phase of "Operation Condor" involves the formation of special teams from member countries who are to travel anywhere in the world to non-member countries to carry out sanctions up to assassination against terrorists or supporters of terrorist organizations from "Operation Condor" member countries. For example, should a terrorist or a supporter of a terrorist organization from a member country of "Operation Condor" be located in a European country, a special team from

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RE: "OPERATION CONDOR"

"Operation Condor" would be dispatched to locate and surveil the target. When the location and surveillance operation has terminated, a second team from "Operation Condor" would be dispatched to carry out the actual sanction against the target. Special teams would be issued false documentation from member countries of "Operation Condor" and may be composed exclusively of individuals from one member nation of "Operation Condor", or may be composed of a mixed group from various "Operation Condor" member nations. Two European countries, specifically mentioned for possible operations under the third phase of "Operation Condor", were France and Portugal.

A special team has been organized [in Argentina made up of members of the Argentine Army Intelligence Service and the State Secretariat for Information (SIDE)] which are being prepared for possible future action under the third phase of "Operation Condor." (U)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA; IS - ARGENTINA;
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ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1976, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD, [WHO IS
CONNECTED WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE] PROVIDED ~~(S)~~(U)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

"OPERATION CONDOR" IS THE CODE NAME FOR THE COLLECTION,
EXCHANGE AND STORAGE OF INTELLIGENCE DATA CONCERNING SOCALLED
"LEFTISTS," COMMUNISTS AND MARXISTS, WHICH WAS RECENTLY
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN COOPERATING INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN SOUTH
AMERICA IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MARXIST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN
THE AREA. IN ADDITION, "OPERATION CONDOR" PROVIDES FOR JOINT

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OPERATIONS AGAINST TERRORIST TARGETS IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF

"OPERATION CONDOR." CHILE IS THE CENTER FOR "OPERATION CONDOR" AND IN ADDITION TO CHILE ITS MEMBERS INCLUDE ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY. BRAZIL ALSO HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SUPPLY INTELLIGENCE INPUT FOR "OPERATION CONDOR." MEMBERS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" SHOWING THE MOST ENTHUSIASM TO DATE HAVE BEEN ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND CHILE. THE LATTER THREE COUNTRIES HAVE ENGAGED IN JOINT OPERATIONS, PRIMARILY IN ARGENTINA, AGAINST THE TERRORIST TARGET. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1976, THE [DIRECTOR OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE TRAVELED TO SANTIAGO, CHILE, TO CONSULT WITH HIS CHILEAN COUNTERPARTS] WITH RESPECT TO "OPERATION CONDOR."

A THIRD AND MOST SECRET PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" INVOLVES THE FORMATION OF SPECIAL TEAMS FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES WHO ARE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO CARRY OUT SANCTIONS UP TO ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST TERRORISTS OR SUPPORTERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD A TERRORIST OR A SUPPORTER OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION FROM A MEMBER COUNTRY OF "OPERATION CONDOR" BE LOCATED IN A EUROPEAN COUNTRY, A SPECIAL

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TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO LOCATE AND SURVEIL THE TARGET. WHEN THE LOCATION AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATION HAS TERMINATED, A SECOND TEAM FROM "OPERATION CONDOR" WOULD BE DISPATCHED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTUAL SANCTION AGAINST THE TARGET. SPECIAL TEAMS WOULD BE ISSUED FALSE DOCUMENTATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES OF "OPERATION CONDOR" AND MAY BE COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF NATIONS FROM ONE MEMBER NATION OF "OPERATION CONDOR" OR MAY BE COMPOSED OF A MIXED GROUP FROM VARIOUS "OPERATION CONDOR" MEMBER NATIONS. TWO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ARE FRANCE AND PORTUGAL.

A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED [IN ARGENTINA MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AND THE STATE SECRETARIAT FOR INFORMATION,] WHICH ARE BEING PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR."

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(2 CR 3 1f) ADMINISTRATIVE - SOURCE IS DR. ARTURO HORACIO POIRE, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARGENTINE SPECIAL GROUP, WHICH WILL POSSIBLY PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR." COORDINATED LOCALLY.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED INDICATING THAT SANCTIONS UNDER THE THIRD PHASE OF "OPERATION CONDOR" HAVE BEEN PLANNED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE UNITED STATES; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT BEYOND THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECENT ASSASSINATION OF ORLANDO LETELIER IN WASHINGTON, D. C. MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AS A THIRD PHASE ACTION OF "OPERATION CONDOR." AS NOTED ABOVE, INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE SOURCE INDICATES THAT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON THE THIRD PHASE ACTIONS OF "OPERATION CONDOR" IN EUROPE, SPECIFICALLY FRANCE AND PORTUGAL. THIS OFFICE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE ASSASSINATION OF LETELIER MAY BE PART OF "OPERATION CONDOR" ACTION.

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